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For: EXHAUST GAS RECIRCULATION APPARATUS AND EXHAUST GAS
RECIRCULATION METHOD FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND SUBMISSION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is a certified copy of Applicant's corresponding patent application No.

2000-152634, filed in Japan on May 24, 2000.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119, Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the priority filing
date of May 24, 2000 for the above-entitled U.S. application.

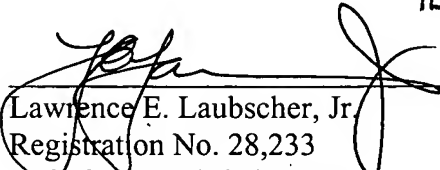
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